

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: C. Cavadini et al.

ATTY DOCKET NO.: P97,2946

SERIAL NO.: Unknown

GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown

FILING DATE: December 23, 1997

EXAMINER: Unknown

INVENTION: "CEREAL PRODUCT CONTAINING PROBIOTICS"

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

HONORABLE ASST. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

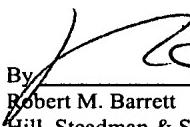
SIR:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted.

- Within 3 months (1) of filing date of a national application; (2) of date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. (No fee is required.)
- After the mailing date of a first Office Action but before (1) mailing of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113; or (2) mailing of a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
- Payment for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) accompanies this submission; or
- The certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e) is made below. (No fee is required.)
- After the mailing of (1) a final action under 37 CFR §1.113; or (2) a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311 whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue. The certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e) is made below. The Commissioner hereby is petitioned to consider the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this submission. Payment for the Petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1) accompanies this submission.
- The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
- A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover any required fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 08-2290. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.*

Very respectfully,

HILL, STEADMAN & SIMPSON
A Professional Corporation


By Robert M. Barrett, Reg. No. 30,142
Hill, Steadman & Simpson, P.C.
Sears Tower - 85th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: (312) 876-0200

When phoning re this application,
please call (312) 876-0200 Ext. 3060

#3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: C. Cavadini, et al. ATTY. DOCKET NO.: P97,2946
SERIAL NO. Unknown GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown
FILED: December 23, 1997 EXAMINER: Unknown
TITLE: "CEREAL PRODUCT CONTAINING PROBIOTICS"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned case the following references and information that may be relevant to the examination of the above-captioned patent application.

U.S. PATENT

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
4,943,437	07/24/90	Kvanta et al.

FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
WO 92 12639	PCT	08/06/92
0 287 699	EP	10/26/88
0 180 743	EP	05/14/86
2106043	GB	09/19/79

Also enclosed for the Examiner's reference is the International Search Report for the present application which lists above references.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of the first Office Action, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



(Reg. No. 30,142)

Robert M. Barrett
HILL, STEADMAN & SIMPSON
A Professional Corporation
85th Floor - Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312/876-0200
Attorney for Applicants

Date: December 23, 1997